



Res. Case to Final Official Action
Expedited Procedure
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

NAGAO *ET AL.*

Application Serial No.: 09/512,276

Filed: February 24, 2000

Title: GLASS BASE MATERIAL PACKING METHOD

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Examiner: TRAN, L.B.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated November 19, 2002, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following remarks.

I. REMARKS

Preliminary Remarks

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections found in the official action dated November 19, 2002. This response is timely filed as the deadline for taking action, no fee required, is February 19, 2003. The applicants remind the examiner that their response of March 25, 2002, merely selected claims 1-6 and 8 as readable on Species I. Once the present claims are found allowable, the applicants shall be requesting rejoinder.

Patentability Remarks

The examiner rejected claims 2 and 34 as allegedly being unpatentable over Moriya *et al.* (JP 10-314580; publication no. 2000-143269; "Hirasawa" as referred to by the examiner) in view of Simon (U.S. Pat. No. 4,560,069); claims 3 to 5 over Moriya *et al.*, in view of Simon, and in further view of Harmony (U.S. Pat. No. 4,268,567); claim 6 over Moriya *et al.*,